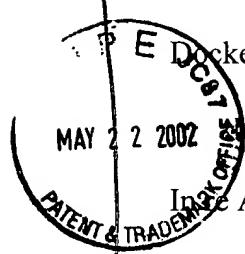


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In re Application of

Kazumasa OISHI et al., et al.

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For: OPTICAL FIBER COATING METHOD AND COATING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Reconsideration of the January 22, 2002 Final Office Action is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 17, line 10 and ending on page 17, line 26 as follows:

This apparatus comprises a first coating die 3 having a first die hole 30 through which the optical fiber 1 is inserted, and a second coating die 4 having a second die hole 40 disposed concentric with the first die hole 30 and downstream therefrom in the passing direction of the optical fiber 1. The inside diameter of the first die hole 30 is set greater than the outside diameter of the optical fiber 1, and the inside diameter of the second die hole 40 is set greater than the first die hole 30. On the outlet side of the optical fiber 1, the first die hole 30 is provided



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